

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 22, 2004, the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the amendment filed June 30, 2004 is re-submitted herewith. As required by the Notice, each claim has been provided with a proper status identifier.

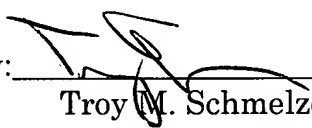
Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, and in view of the remarks and arguments submitted on June 30, 2004, are requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,  
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